



REPLY TO
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT
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MEMORANDUM THRU ~~DIRECTOR OF THE ARMY STAFF~~

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY **APPROVED - CSA**

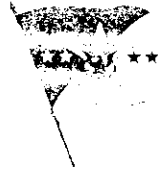
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SUBJECT: Army Fire Fighter Wins DoD Heroism Award – ACTION MEMORANDUM

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to forward the enclosed four star congratulatory note to the CSA for signature
2. Mr. Gary Vest, Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security, presented Sergeant Paul A. DeWitt, Fort Rucker, AL, with the DoD Heroism Award at the 5th Annual 2000 DoD Fire & Emergency Services Awards Banquet on 30 Aug 00 in Dallas, TX. This was the first time in the 5-year history of the DoD Awards Program that an Army nominee has won a DoD award.
3. MG John Parker, CG Fort Detrick (my substitute as keynote speaker at our Army general session) presented Sergeant DeWitt with a separate Army award and my congratulations, prior to announcement of him winning the DoD award at the evening banquet.
4. Army nominees for the other three DoD Award categories were: (1) Fire Department of the Year – Holston AAP, Kingsport, TN; (2) Civilian Fire Fighter of the Year – Mr. Joshua Diede, Hawthorne Army Depot, NV; and (3) Military Fire Fighter of the Year – Sergeant Jerry J. Conner, Fort Drum, NY.
5. Recommend General Shirseki sign the enclosed congratulatory note at TAB A.

Encl

VR,
R. L. Van Antwerp
R. L. VAN ANTWERP
Major General, GS
Assistant Chief of Staff
for Installation Management





October 2, 2000

Sergeant Paul A. DeWitt
Fire and Emergency Services Division
Fort Rucker, AL 36362-5015

Dear Sergeant DeWitt:

Congratulations on winning DoD's Fire and Emergency Services Heroism Award for the Year 2000. The action you took to rescue two helicopter pilots and extinguish the aircraft fire was truly heroic.

You are also commended for earning the Soldiers Medal awarded by your command. Thank you for what you do daily for the soldiers at Fort Rucker, for the example you set for soldiers everywhere, and for making all of us proud.

Warm Regards,

Eric K. Shinseki
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

*We are all
very proud of
you.*